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HB 229: Pharmacists - Administration of Maintenance Injectable Medications -
Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections

House Health and Government Operations Committee

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POSITION: SUPPORT

Synopsis: Altering the definition of "maintenance injectable medication" for the purposes of provisions of law governing the administration of maintenance injectable medications by pharmacists to include a medication that treats a sexually transmitted infection and is not a vaccine.

Position: Marylanders across the state have the most access to pharmacies out of any health care provider and trust the highly-trained professionals behind the counter. Pharmacists have earned a Doctorate of Pharmacy in a six- year long program that focuses on patient assessments, screenings and direct patient care. They have in-depth knowledge of injectables, preventing medication side effects and avoiding contraindications as well as providing emergency care in the case of an adverse reaction. Marylanders trust their pharmacists to understand and administer their medications. It is common sense that STI maintenance medications should be available for administration through local providers that communities already know and trust.

We fully support this legislation and urge a favorable vote. Thank you for your time and consideration.